

**DECLARATION AND
POWER OF ATTORNEY,
Utility or Design Patent
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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

- My residence, mailing address, and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.
- I believe I am an original and first and joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention set forth in an application for patent entitled:

FUNCTIONALIZED POLYMER WITH LINKING GROUP

the specification of which

is attached hereto, or
 was filed on **10/20/2005** (*mm/dd/yyyy*) as U.S. or international application number **PCT/US2005/038017**
 and was amended on **04/19/2006** (*mm/dd/yyyy*).

I have reviewed and understood the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment(s) referred to above.

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APPLICATION NUMBER(s)	COUNTRY	DATE FILED (<i>mm/dd/yyyy</i>)	PRIORITY NOT CLAIMED	CERTIFIED COPY INCLUDED
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Provisional Application(s) and U.S. Priority Claims

Benefits under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) for patent listed adjacent hereto are hereby claimed.

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60/622,188	10/26/2004

Benefits under 35 U.S.C. § 120 of any United States application(s) listed below are hereby claimed. (See above for Rule 56 duties for CIP applications.)

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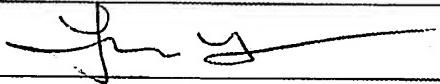
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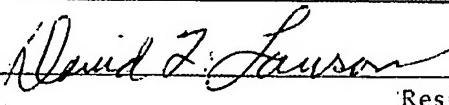
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